Honorable Thomas S. Zilly

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

DEVAS MULTIMEDIA PRIVATE LTD.,

Petitioner,

and

DEVAS MULTIMEDIA AMERICA, INC.,

DEVAS EMPLOYEES MAURITIUS PRIVATE LIMITED,

TELCOM DEVAS MAURITIUS LIMITED, and

CC/DEVAS (MAURITIUS) LTD.,

Intervenors.

v.

ANTRIX CORP. LTD,

Respondent.

Case No. 2:18-cv-1360-TSZ

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle the parties to file confidential information under seal.

2. "CONFIDENTIAL" MATERIAL

"Confidential Material" shall include any information, document, electronically stored information, or thing, or portion of any document or thing that the designating party reasonably believes is not in the public domain and that contains:

- (a) Trade secrets, proprietary data, or commercially sensitive information;
- (b) Confidential business information such as, but not limited to, competitively technical, marketing, research, development, financial, sales, operational, or strategy information;
 - (c) Private or confidential personal information; or
- (d) Information received in confidence from third parties or that is subject to preexisting confidentiality obligations between the parties.

Any designating party who produces or discloses any Confidential Material shall mark the same with the following or a similar legend:

- (a) "CONFIDENTIAL" if good cause exists to limit disclosure of the Confidential Material as indicated in section 4.2 below; or
- (b) "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY EYES ONLY" if good cause exists to limit disclosure of the Confidential Material as indicated in section 4.3 below.

3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only Confidential Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Confidential Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Confidential Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by the parties or their counsel that might reveal Confidential Material.

However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

- 4.1 <u>Basic Principles</u>. A receiving party may use Confidential Material that is disclosed or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation as well as to execute the judgment and arbitral awards that are the subject of this action and related enforcement proceedings. Confidential Material shall not be provided to any third parties, except under the terms and conditions described in this agreement. Confidential Material must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.
- 4.2 <u>Disclosure of Confidential Material Marked "CONFIDENTIAL"</u>. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any Confidential Material marked as "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:
- (a) the receiving party's counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of counsel (such as other attorneys, paralegals, and staff of the law firm) to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;
- (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in house counsel) of the receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

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- (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), which shall be maintained by counsel for the party using such persons;
 - (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;
- (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of Confidential Material, provided that, before disclosure of the Confidential Material to said persons, each shall execute an "Acknowledge and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), which shall be maintained by counsel for the party using such persons, and provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service instructs the service not to disclose any Confidential Material to third parties and to immediately return all originals and copies of any Confidential Material;
- (f) in connection with their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound' (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court. Prior to any such deposition, the deposing party shall notify the designating party of any Confidential Material intended to be used during the deposition, recognizing that the deposing party may have a need during the course of the deposition to share additional Confidential Material as issues arise, in which case the deposing party shall, within a reasonable time after the deposition, notify the designating party of any additional Confidential Material that was shared. Upon receiving such a notification, the designating party shall promptly inform the deposing party of any objection to the disclosure to the witness on the grounds that the disclosure is not reasonably necessary to a witness even bound to the terms of Exhibit A. Any such objection should state with particularity its grounds. The designating and deposing parties must meet and confer promptly thereafter to resolve any dispute. Should the parties be unable to resolve their dispute, the designating party may seek relief from the presiding court. This provision shall not permit any party to object to the disclosure of documents the witness is otherwise permitted to review under the terms of this agreement. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions

that reveal Confidential Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this agreement;

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- (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.
- 4.3 <u>Disclosure of Confidential Material Marked "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY EYES ONLY"</u>. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any Confidential Material marked as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY EYES ONLY" only to:
 - (a) Persons indicated in paragraphs 4.2 (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g).
- 4.4 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing Confidential Material or discussing or referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party, in accordance with Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(A), to determine whether the designating party will remove the confidential designation, whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed order is warranted. During the meet and confer process, the designating party must identify the basis for sealing the specific Confidential Material at issue, and the filing party shall include this basis in its motion to seal, along with any objection to sealing the information at issue. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal. A party who seeks to maintain the confidentiality of its information must satisfy the requirements of Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(B), even if it is not the party filing the motion to seal. Failure to satisfy this requirement will result in the motion to seal being denied, in accordance with the strong presumption of public access to the Court's files. Prior to using any Confidential Material in a related proceeding, the receiving party must redact all information constituting Export Controlled Material. The receiving party must provide the designating party sufficient notice prior to filing and use all reasonable means to conform redactions to the designating party's satisfaction.

5. <u>DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL</u>

5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

- 5.2 <u>Manner and Timing of Designations</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this agreement (see, *e.g.*, second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, disclosure or discovery of material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.
- (a) <u>Information in documentary form:</u> (*e.g.*, paper or electronic documents and deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY EYES ONLY" to each page that contains Confidential Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (*e.g.*, by making appropriate markings in the margins).

- (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial proceedings: the parties and any participating non-parties must identify on the record, during the deposition or other pretrial proceeding, all protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony after reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving the transcript of the deposition or other pretrial proceeding, designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY EYES ONLY". If a party or non-party desires to protect confidential information at trial, the issue should be addressed during the pre-trial conference.
- on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY EYES ONLY." If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).
- 5.3 <u>Inadvertent Failures to Designate</u>. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

6.1 <u>Timing of Challenges</u>. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

- 6.2 <u>Meet and Confer.</u> The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding confidential designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The certification must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.
- 6.3 <u>Judicial Intervention</u>. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable) within seven days after the parties meet and confer as provided for in Section 6.2. The burden of persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the material in question as confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

7. <u>EXPORT CONTROLLED MATERIAL</u>

- 7.1 Transmission of "Export Controlled Material." Disclosure of Confidential Material shall be subject to all applicable laws and regulations relating to the export of technical data and information contained in such Confidential Material ("Export Controlled Material"), including the release of such data and information to foreign persons or nationals in the United States or elsewhere. The designating party shall be responsible for identifying any Export Controlled Material, and the receiving party shall take measures necessary to ensure compliance.
- 7.2 Redacting Export Controlled Material. The designating party may redact Export Controlled Material within its document production. In the event the designating party makes such redactions, the redacted (non-Export Controlled Material) versions of such Confidential Material shall be produced directly to the receiving party consistent with this order, and the designating

party shall otherwise stamp the redacted portions in such a way to reflect that the redacted content is Export Controlled Material. Prior to the designation and redaction of any Export Controlled Material, the designating party shall make available to counsel for the receiving party unredacted documents for inspection either over video or in-person on an attorneys'-eyes only basis in a manner that is consistent with all applicable laws and regulations relating to Export Controlled Material. The parties shall meet and confer over any disputes as to whether to-be redacted material is Export Controlled Material. Should the parties fail to resolve any such dispute, the objecting party may seek relief from the Court to overrule the objection.

8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY EYES ONLY" that party must:

- (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the subpoena or court order;
- (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and
- (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the designating party whose Confidential Material may be affected.

9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Confidential Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this agreement,

and (d) request that such person or persons execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

10. <u>INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED</u> <u>MATERIAL</u>

When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. The parties agree to the entry of a non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) as set forth herein.

11. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

Within 60 days after the termination of this action and any further actions to execute the judgment and award at issue in this case, including all appeals, each receiving party must return all Confidential Material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction.

Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Confidential Material.

The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

Dated: September 22, 2021

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 502(d), the production of any documents in this proceeding shall not, for the purposes of this proceeding or any other federal or state proceeding, constitute a waiver by the producing party of any privilege applicable to those documents, including the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, or any other privilege or protection recognized by law.

DATED: September 23, 2021

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United States District Judge

1	EXHIBIT A
2	ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND
3	I, [print or type full name], or
4	[print or type full address], declare under penalty or
5	perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was
6	issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on
7	[date] in the case of <i>Devas Multimedia Private Ltd. v. Antrix Corp. Ltd</i> , No. 2:18-cv-01360-TSZ
8	I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and
9	understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and
10	punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner
11	any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity
12	except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.
13	I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the
14	Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective
15	Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.
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